

Agenda for the August 7 Workshop on the Portland Harbor Cleanup

8:30 a.m.–2:00 p.m. PDT

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Principles and Ground Rules

- All participants will engage in the free flow of information and discussion and not identify ‘fixed positions’ on what the draft conceptual plan should or should not look like. There will be many questions raised during the meeting. They are to be framed in the spirit of shared inquiry and learning; to support that, the assumptions that frame the question should be articulated as well.
- The information and analysis conducted to date is acknowledged to be in some sense incomplete, which is normal at this stage of developing a ROD, and is sufficient for supporting a productive dialogue. As further analysis is deemed worthwhile, it would be conducted in a manner that does not delay the release of the draft conceptual plan.
- Since this is largely a technical discussion, some of the conversations may not be completed during the workshop. If necessary, additional interaction will be deferred to a later time after the workshop in order to ensure that all topics on the agenda will be covered at the workshop
- The focus will be on exploring and understanding the factors shaping alternative E as a straw alternative and using that as a basis for seeing how the other alternatives addressed key questions associated with the cleanup. There is no bias, implied or explicit, that alternative E is the alternative that will be selected as the draft conceptual plan.

Purpose of the Workshop

- To assist ODEQ to understand the key information contained in Chapters 3 and 4 of the Feasibility Study
- To explore key data and analysis regarding contaminants, footprint of cleanup, potential cleanup technologies to be deployed, future land and water uses, reliability and implementability of remedies, and time to complete cleanup and other key factors that shape the alternatives
- To discuss potential trade-offs among the Superfund decision criteria and the alternatives as input to EPA as it develops the draft conceptual plan
- To understand the key drivers of the cost of alternatives and compare and contrast with the costs associated with the LWG’s alternatives
- To enable ODEQ to identify key questions and any initial observations for EPA to consider as it develops the draft conceptual plan
- To describe the process EPA will use to score the criteria and identify benefits that result in the draft conceptual plan
- To identify further points of contact between ODEQ and EPA as the draft conceptual plan is developed

Agenda

- 8:30 Convene and Introductions
- 8:35 Purpose of Workshop and Agenda Review
- 8:45 Brief Overview of How the Information That Will Be Shared Has Been Organized, Using Alternative E as a Straw Alternative
- 9:00 EPA Presentation and Joint Discussion of Critical Factors that Shape Alternative E: Contaminants, Footprint, Clean-up Levels, Technologies, Future Land and Water Uses, Reliability and Implementability of Remedies, Time to Complete Clean-up and Cost
- 10:30 Break
- 10:45 Compare and Contrast Alternative E With Aspects of Other Alternatives To Better Understand Potential 'Trade-Offs' Among the Superfund Criteria in Developing the Draft Conceptual Plan
- 11:45 Brief Overview of EPA's Estimate of Costs in Comparison to LWG's Estimate of Costs
- 12:00 Lunch Break. Note that ODEQ and EPA would break into separate groups over lunch. ODEQ would develop any critical questions/initial observations it has for EPA regarding the morning's discussion; EPA would develop any critical questions/key 'take aways' it has for ODEQ regarding the morning's discussion
- 1:15 ODEQ and EPA Share the Product of the Lunch Sessions
- 1:45 EPA Describes the Next Steps in the Process and EPA/ODEQ Determine Next Points of Contact As EPA Develops the Draft Conceptual Plan
- 2:00 Adjourn